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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing:

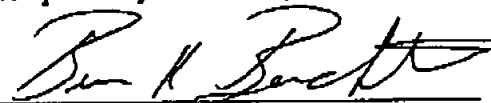
1. Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111;
2. Petition for Retroactive Extension of Time (One month); and
3. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

This Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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